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LOK SABHA

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OPENING OF NEW REGIONAL OFFICES OF EPF
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to open new Employees Provident Fund Regional Offices in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether the Union Government has received any request regarding opening of Regional Offices in various States;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government in this regard, State- wise and location-wise; and

(e) the locations identified by the Executive Committee for setting up EPF Regional Offices in the country, State and location-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a): No, Sir. Presently, no proposal for opening of new Regional Offices is under consideration.

(b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) to (e): A request for opening of Regional Office of Employees Provident Fund Organisation atHaldia, West Bengal was received in 2005. The proposal for opening of fieled offices was placedbefore the Executive Committee, Central Board of Trustees (Employees' Provident Fund) in itsmeeting held on 25.9.2007. The matter was deferred as it was decided at the meeting that theissue of opening of new field offices of EPFO may be revisited after reconsidering the norms foropening of offices.